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Try to buy a computer today. Think you can find one that's not got Windows on it? Try telling Dell you don't need an operating system on the computer, that you will install one of your choice. The salesman will have none of that. The only way to get the freedom of choosing my own OS is buying a much more expensive model. This is a form of economic discrimination, IMHO. And anyway, I already own a copy of Windows 98. Why should I be required to buy another copy when I already own a copy of Windows? I am being charged \$200 for a OEM version of XP.

I think this should be apart of the settlement as well. If I don't want their OS or their custom software, I shouldn't have to pay for it. The computer comes with other applications that I have no choice but to purchase. Most of these other applications are also MS products. Why do I have to pay for a copy of MS Office, when I would use Star Office?

Thats like buying a TV and being told I am required to purchase a cable hookup, right on the spot with their pre-agreed upon cable provider. I have no choice, other than not buying the TV.

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